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Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9218.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine disaster recovery assistance, focusing on authorization of the Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery Program, including S. 2471, to establish a community disaster assistance fund for housing and community development and to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide, from the fund, assistance through a community development block grant disaster recovery program, and S. 2404, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, after receiving testimony from Michael Sprayberry, Hagerty Consulting, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina; Matt A. Mayer, Opportunity Ohio, Columbus; and Carlos E. Martin, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3196, to enhance the policies, procedures, and training for midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3309, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3375, to promote travel and tourism in the United States, to improve the health safety and security of international flights entering the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Alan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Viqar Ahmad, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Commerce.

### U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Commerce:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States airline industry, after receiving testimony from Doug Parker, American Airlines Group, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; Gary C. Kelly, Southwest Airlines Co., Dallas, Texas; Scott Kirby, United Airlines Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; John Laughter, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia; Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants—CWA, AFL—CIO, and Mike Tretheway, InterVISTAS Consulting Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marc R. Stanley, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Rashad Hussain, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Thomas Barrett, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Erik D. Ramanathan, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Scott Miller, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and

without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Jamie L. Harpootlian, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, John R. Bass, of New York, to be an Under Secretary (Management), Mark Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Michael M. Adler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, all of the Department of State, Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Scott A. Nathan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, Chantale Yokmin Wong, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3099, to amend title 44, United States Code, to establish the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2932, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the “Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building”;

H.R. 767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the “Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1170, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the “Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1444, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the “Patsy Cline Post Office”;

H.R. 3210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the “Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of Loren L. AliKhan, and John P. Howard III, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Adrienne Jennings Noti, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Georgette Castner, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senators Booker and Menendez, Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, Julie Rebecca Rubin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, and Cristina D. Silva, and Anne Rachel Traum, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who were introduced by Senators Rosen and Cortez Masto, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## AMERICAN INNOVATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the impact of consolidation and monopoly power on American innovation, after receiving testimony from Diana Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Denver, Colorado; Alex Harman, Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.; Eric Migicovsky, Beeper Inc., Palo Alto, California; Bettina Hein, Juli, Boston, Massachusetts; and Roger P. Alford, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action;

S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder;

S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery;

S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations;

S. 1944, to improve Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries;

S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General;

S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans;

S. 2514, to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center";

S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2624, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022;

S. 2627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve assistance for veterans with travel necessary for counseling, mental health services, health care, and others services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty;

S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority;

S. 2720, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer;

S. 2761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program;

S. 2852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently;

S. 3025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma;

S. 3094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve homeless veterans reintegration programs;

S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

S. 3293, to expand access of veterans to mental health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs;

An original bill entitled, "Veterans Benefits Improvement Act"; and

The nomination of Kurt D. DelBene, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Shannon Corless, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.